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14 September 2001

Dear Ms Martin

**NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 5 SEPTEMBER 2001
PUBLIC TRANSPORT ISSUES**

I am writing in connection with a report which was submitted to the Northern Area Local Committee on 5 September 2001 on issues raised regarding rail public transport in the Northern Area.

Whilst noting that a contact point for complaints had been provided, the Committee expressed disappointment at the response which they considered did not cover the issues of concern the Committee had raised, namely the lack of passenger seating for customers embarking from Kilmaurs Station, travelling to Glasgow, and whether the length of the platform at Kilmaurs Station precluded the introduction of additional passenger rolling stock.

Notwithstanding the above, I would be grateful if you would provide the Local Committee with six monthly reports identifying future developments and other strategic rail initiatives affecting the Northern Area.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Councillor Young,

EAST AYRSHIRE NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE : 5 SEPTEMBER 2001 PUBLIC TRANSPORT ISSUES

Thank you for your letter of 14 September 2001 on the subject of rail public transport in East Ayrshire.

Your comment that a report by the East Ayrshire Council's Director of Development Services, prepared based on a letter from SPT, did not cover the issues of concern the committee had raised, namely the lack of passenger seating for passengers embarking at Kilmaurs Station and on platform length at Kilmaurs Station, is essentially correct. However these issues were fully covered in the presentation and discussion at the meeting on 16 May where it was also specifically agreed which matters on which SPT would provide further information to East Ayrshire Council Officers for onward transmission to the committee. The report from East Ayrshire Council's Director of Development Services covered those agreed matters in full. It was unfortunate that a number of the committee members who had originally raised these questions did not attend the meeting on 16 May due to a visit to the Scottish Executive. If the information provided was not fully passed on to these members at the subsequent meeting on 5 September 2001 this might partly explain their disappointment.

With reference to your request for six monthly reports from me on rail matters affecting the East Ayrshire Northern Area. I am sorry but I cannot commit to providing the committee with that service. I hope you will appreciate that SPT is not resourced to provide the level of service you have requested on an equitable basis to all of the Local Committees within the twelve Local Authorities which make up SPT's statutory area and who might request such information. The resources available to SPT are structured to report to the Passenger Transport Authority on which East Ayrshire Council is of course represented by Eric Ross (Chair) and John Knapp and who should be able to brief you on matters of interest to your committee as they arise.

Yours sincerely,

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